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SUBJECT: TARBELA DAM UP-DATE

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1. DURING HIS FAREWELL CALL ON THE EMBASSY, TAMS PROJECT MANAGER AT TARBELLA , MORGAN THOMPSON, BROUGHT EMBASSY OFFICERS UP-TO-DATE ON CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS PROGRESS AT THE DAM. REPAIR OF THE STILLING BASIN OF TUNNEL THREE IS COMPLETE. THE CABLE ANCHORS WERE INSTALLED SOME WEEKS AGO AND POURING OF THE STELL FIBROUS CONCRETE REQUIRES A 28 DAY CURING PERIOD, PERMITTING THE TUNNEL TO BE OPENED FOR USE BY MAY 1 AS SCHEDULED.

2. POWERHOUSE INSTALLATION AND TESTING IS PROCEEDING WITHOUT PROBLEMS. WATER FLOWED THROUGH THE INLET AND OUT THE RELIEF VALVE OF TURBINE ONE THIS PAST WEEK. THE FIRST FLOW THROUGH THE TURBINE IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL TWO AND FULL COMMERCIAL USE OF THE FIRST TURBINE IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY ONE. THE OTHER THREE TURBINES WILL COME ON-LINE AT ONE MONTH INTERVALS.

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3. THE RESERVOIR HAS DRAWN DOWN TO WHERE THE SINK-HOLE IN THE DAM FACE IS COMING INTO SIGHT. THE SINK-HOLE CONTINUES TO REMAIN STABLE AND IS CAUSING NO RPT NO CONCERN. HOWEVER, THE CONTRACTORS PLAN TO SINK A SHAFT AT THE SINK-HOLE TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE ITS CAUSE.

4. ASKED IF THE GOP PLANNED A CEREMONY THIS SPRING TO

CELEBRATE THE COMPLETION OF THE 10-YEAR OLD PROJECT,
THOMPSON SAID THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH PLANS.
SUCH A CEREMONY HAD ONCE BEEN CONTEMPLATED, BUT THE
DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED AT THE DAM OVER THE LAST TWO
YEARS SEEMS TO HAVE PUT THIS IDEA INTO PERMANENT ABEYANCE.
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